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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 19-20, 2019
Los Angeles, CA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Schuldberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Kimberly Carr, Joe Cislowski, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Julie Conger

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva, Dale Kuroda, Sandi Fitzpatrick (Volunteer)

Guests: Renee Brown, Nancy McPherson, Kim McCoy Wade, Irene Walela

A quorum was established.

3. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Chair Butler welcomed new Commissioner Kimberly Carr. Commissioners introduced themselves.

4. Approve Agenda

The November 19-20, 2019 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Saenz)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19-20, 2019 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

5. Approve Minutes from August 27-28, 2019 Meeting

The General Meeting minutes of the August 27-28, 2019 CCoA meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Saenz/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 27-28, 2019 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Schuldberg and Carr abstained.

6. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

None

7. Chair's Comments

A. Elder Economic Forum: Political, Economic, and Demographic Impacts on Retirement

Chair Butler previewed the Elder Economic Forum agenda thanked event sponsors, including the Gary & Mary West Foundation, Health Net, Cedars Sinai Medical Center and SCAN Health Plan.

B. January CCoA Meeting and Legislative Breakfast

Chair Butler announced the date and focus of the January meeting in Sacramento. Commissioners were encouraged to invite their legislators to the breakfast reception. Presenters for the meeting will focus on health disparities.

C. Memorandum of Understanding Extension with California Foundation on Aging

An extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Foundation on Aging (CFoA) was reviewed. CFoA board member Sandi Fitzpatrick reviewed the history of agreement and the Foundation's operating procedures.

M/S/C (Walsh/Lyford)

TO APPROVE THE MOU EXTENSION BETWEEN CFOA AND CCOA FOR FIVE YEARS.

8. CCoA Master Plan for Aging Committee Report

Chair Butler reviewed the activities of CCoA's Master Plan for Aging Committee and noted that all members are on at least one of the Master Plan Advisory Committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.

A. CCoA Role in Master Plan for Aging

Commissioners reviewed the document outlining potential roles for CCoA in the Master Plan for Aging.

M/S/C (Saenz/Schmeding)

TO APPROVE THE POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CCOA IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING.

B. Recommendation: Approval Process for CCoA Master Plan for Aging Committee Efforts

Swartzlander reviewed the Long-Term Services and Supports Subcommittee's schedule and proposed coordinating CCoA's Master Plan Committee meeting schedule. The Committee proposed finalizing its Master Plan recommendations through the Executive Committee in order to expedite submission to the Administration. Recommendations will be shared with the full Commission once approved.

M/S/C (Saenz/Schulberg)

TO APPROVE CCOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE’S REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CCOA’S MASTER PLAN FOR AGING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENABLE PROMPT SUBMISSION TO THE MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

9. Legislative Committee Report

Sewell and Commissioner Saenz provided the Legislative Report.

A. Legislative Update: Final Status of CCoA 2019 Bill List

Saenz referenced the CCoA tracking list and outcomes of 2019 legislation.

i. Master Plan for Aging Legislation Status

Sewell reviewed the status of bills related to the Master Plan for Aging.

B. Co-sponsorship Opportunity: Public Authority/Public Conservator/Public Guardian Budget Request

Commissioner Saenz reported on an opportunity to co-sponsor a funding request for the Public Guardian. Additional information has been requested before the Committee makes a recommendation.

10. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Schuldberg provided the Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee report.

A. CCoA Logo

Commissioner Schuldberg thanked Commissioner Greenbaum for his work on the new logo and reviewed two alternative designs.

M/S/C (Schuldberg/Saenz)

TO ACCEPT THE SECOND LOGO CONTAINING THE SMALL LETTER “O”.

B. Proposed Changes to CCoA Bylaws

Commissioner Schuldberg reviewed the proposed bylaws change requiring a quorum to be based on the statutory membership, rather than the number of members appointed.

M/S/C (Cislowski/Saenz)

TO ADOPT THE CCOA BYLAWS CHANGE.

11. Federal Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Federal Advocacy Committee report.

A. Older Americans Act Reauthorization HR 4334 - Dignity in Aging Act

HR 4334 passed the House unanimously but was pending action in the Senate.

B. Social Security 2100 Act - HR 860

Walsh reviewed HR 860 and the Committee’s recommendation to support.

M/S/C (Schmeding/Brown)

TO SUPPORT HR 860.

C. Federal Budget

Commissioner Walsh reviewed NCOA's federal funding chart.

D. Direct Care Opportunity Act - HR 4397

Commissioner Walsh provided an update on HR 4397.

E. Public Charge Rule

Walsh reported that a court ruling had postponed the October implementation of the Public Charge Rule.

F. SNAP Eligibility Rule

Commissioner Walsh reviewed the new proposal to use a uniform utility allowance when determining SNAP eligibility, rather than allowing state flexibility in determining the utility exemption based on regional needs. The Committee recommended CCoA submit its opposition to the rule by the December 2nd comment deadline.

M/S/C (Cislowski/Rozanski)

FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SNAP ELIGIBILITY RULE CHANGE BY DECEMBER 2, 2019.

G. LGBT Workers' Rights Before the Supreme Court

Walsh reported on the Supreme Court review of the workers' rights issue and said a ruling was expected next June.

Commissioner Walsh reviewed the work of the State's Olmstead Committee and the committee's discussion of the Master Plan for Aging, CalAIM, and Electronic Visit Verification rule implementation.

12. Staff Activity Report

Swartzlander provided the staff activity report.

A. Staff Report

Swartzlander highlighted staff activities since August, including work to streamline and update office procedures, involvement meeting preparations for the Master Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee and ensuring website accessibility.

B. Preview January 2020 Meeting/Excess Lodging Forms

Villanueva asked Commissioners to review meeting directions for the January 2020 meeting and the hotel reservation deadline.

C. Hotel Instructions for March 2020

Swartzlander referenced the January 3, 2020 hotel reservation deadline for the March meeting in San Francisco.

Los Angeles LGBT Center Overview & Tour 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners toured the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Elder Economic Forum: Political, Economic, and Demographic Impacts on Retirement
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners attended the Elder Economic Forum.

13. Recess

Meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Commission Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

Chair Butler called the meeting to order and thanked Kuroda and Fitzpatrick for their help over the past year. Commissioners provided special recognition to Kuroda for stepping in as Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner members reported positive comments from the audience on the Elder Economic Forum.

14. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Saenz thanked members of the Nominating Committee and provided the Nominating Committee report.

Commissioner Saenz announced the slate of nominees: Betsy Butler, Chair; Jean Schulberg and Cheryl Brown, Vice Chair; Marcy Adelman, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders and Ellen Schmeding as Members-at-Large. Commissioner Walsh will remain an Executive Committee member as Immediate Past Chair.

MSC (Kang/Lyford)

TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

15. Election of Officers

Chair Butler called for nominations from the floor for CCoA Chair. None offered.

CCOA CHAIR BUTLER WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Chair Butler called for nominations from the floor for Vice Chair.

None offered.

Ballots were circulated, collected and counted.

CHAIR BUTLER ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF JEAN SCHULBERG AS CCOA VICE CHAIR.

Chair Butler called for nominations from the floor for Members-at-Large. Commissioner Petty nominated Cheryl Brown.

M/S/C (Petty/Rozanski)

TO NOMINATE CHERYL BROWN FOR MEMBER AT LARGE.

Ballots were circulated, collected and counted.

CHAIR BUTLER ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS ADELMAN, SAENZ, SANDERS AND SCHMEDING AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.

16. Unfinished Business

A. Master Plan for Aging Update

Commissioners Lyford and Schmeding reported on activities of the Master Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the LTSS Subcommittee. Lyford reported that West Health will assist the Research Committee in development of the data dashboard.

Schmeding reported LTSS Subcommittee will meet 10-12 times in preparing its report by March 1. Meetings will include IHSS, workforce, system integration and other topics.

B. Alzheimer's Task Force

Adelman reported on the November 19th meeting of the Alzheimer's Task Force. The group will to focus on six issue areas:

1. Public Education
2. Care Corps
3. Visas for Caregivers
4. Education and Certification of In-Home Care Workers
5. Cultural Care Competency
6. LTC Trust Act - Health Savings Accounts with Employer Match

Commissioner Adelman noted the Task Force's additional focus on medical research and providing more opportunities for the Alzheimer's Centers of Excellence.

17. Presentation: An Age Friendly California

Presenter: Nancy McPherson, AARP California State Director

McPherson discussed work of AARP and the age-friendly movement, describing the process for gaining the designation and what is expected of participating jurisdictions.

18. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on the meeting and activities.

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

M/S/C (Saenz/Schuldberg)

TO ADJOURN MEETING.